

Application No. 10/721,626

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 so that claim 1 now contains all the recitations of former claim 22. Claim 22 has thereby been cancelled. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been objected to because of use of the term "comprising." In response, Applicants have amended the Abstract by deleting the term "comprising." Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

The Disclosure has been objected to because on page 1, there are missing application numbers and filing dates. Applicants have amended the specification at page 1 by inserting the missing application numbers and filing dates. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the Disclosure.

Claims 1, 11, 19, 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Badesha, et al. in view of Garcia, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the recitations of former claim 22. Claim 1 now includes a recitation that the coating comprises a polymer comprising a partly fluorinated polymer, and a fluorinated solvent. Applicants submit that neither reference teaches or suggests the recitations of amended claim 1. Accordingly, because the recitations of the present claims are not cited by the references alone, or in combination, Applicants submit that the present claims are not rendered obvious in view of the cited combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 11, 19, 20 and 21 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Badesha, et al. in view of Garcia, et al.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 22 and 23 contain allowable subject matter. In addition, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 2-10 and 12-18 also contain allowable subject matter.

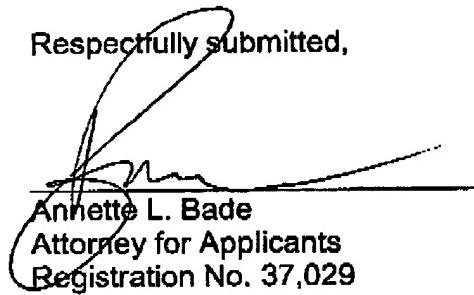
In view of the above arguments and amendments, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

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No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682.

Respectfully submitted,


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